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SUBJECT: SOVIET-EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE: TEXTUAL DISCREPANCIES

REF A. MOSCOW 5615; B. FBIS AMMAN 211717

- 1. PARA 2 OF MOSCOW REFTEL, CITING TASS ENGLISH WIRE, CONTAINS QUOTATIONS FROM COMMUNIQUE WHICH DO APPEAR ON MENA ARABIC TICKER BUT HAVE NOT RPT NOT APPEARED IN TEXTS QUOTED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, NOR IN FBIS TRANSCRIPTION OF CAIRO MENA VERSION (REF B).
- 2. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF SECTION WHICH WAS RUN ON MENA ARABIC WIRE, BUT WAS DROPPED BY CAIRO PRESS: (EXCEPT FOR LEAD-IN CLAUSE):

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QUOTE THEY (USSR AND GOE) AFFIRM IMPORTANCE OF SERIOUS

PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE SO IT WILL LEAD TO FINAL, COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPLETE SOLUTIONS TO ME PROBLEM, (BEGIN ADDITIONAL CAIRO MENA ARABIC TEXT) PROVIDED ANY PARTIAL MEASURES AND DECISIONS ABOUT THEM BE AN INDIVISIBLE PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND MUST BE WORKED OUT AND TAKEN WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF MEPC. UNQUOTE.

- 3. DELETION OF ABOVE PHRASEOLOGY BY ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IS OBVIOUSLY NO COINCIDENCE. WE CANNOT YET BE SURE IF CAIRO EDITORS WERE WORKING FROM SHORTENED MENA TEXT USED BY FBIS (REF B), WHETHER MENA CORRESPONDENT ERRONEOUSLY QUOTED TASS LANGUAGE WHICH FAHMY DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE HE AGREED TO, OR WHETHER ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE WAS PART OF MUTUALLY AGREED TEXT BUT WAS DROPPED LOCALLY FOR AS YET UNKNOWN REASONS.
- 4. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS MOSCOW TRIP WITH FAHMY, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING SINCE HIS RETURN. AMBASSADOR HAS REQUEST IN FOR APPOINTMENT AND WILL, WHEN MEETING TAKES PLACE, RAISE QUESTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE AND REQUEST AUTHORITATIVE GOE VERSION.

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